

## Birds Of The Bible On Stamps



**BISON PHILATELIC SOCIETY 21ST ANNIVERSARY.** This group of stamp fans takes the birthday of their club seriously, so much so in fact, that each year a party is held which everyone seems to enjoy if the above smiling faces are allowable evidence. Charles Betz is president; Brewster Monroe vice president; Charles Steinmueller treasurer and Harold Chase secretary. Visitors are welcome to the weekly meeting on Wednesday evenings at 92 Arden St., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Dictator President Getulio Vargas Shown On Brazilian Stamps For Fifteen Years

Manoel F. da Motta

I thought perhaps the readers of Linn's interested in Brazil would like to know something about the famous stamps issued during the fifteen year dictatorship of Getulio Vargas and bearing his portrait. Owing to the victory of the revolution on October 3, 1930 there was a change in the Brazilian philatelic field. A group of collectors of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, site of the revolution, suggested to the Ministry of Transport and Public Works a set of semi-postal stamps with the surtax used for various purposes.

The ministry was agreeable to the idea and on April 29, 1937 issued a set of fourteen. Portraits of leaders of the revolution were used as the designs, among them president Vargas. His effigy appears on the 10, 20, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700 reis stamps. With this is a portrait of Dr. Joao Pessoa, one of the leaders, and at the time, president of the state of Paraiba.



These were intended as semipostals but the surtax was never charged.

Pessoa was assassinated while on a political propaganda mission in Bahia for the revolution. The capital of Paraiba was then named Pessoa in his honor.

In the same set is to be found designs with other revolutionary leaders, Dr. Oswaldo Aranha and Dr. Antonio Carlos de Andrade.

From 1930 to 1945 Getulio Vargas continued at the head of Brazil's government.

A year before the declaration of the "Estado Novo" (New State) on November 10, 1938, a stamp with a value of 400 reis appeared with his portrait. On November (Continued on page 8)

### Chinese Celebrate With Special Cancel

The Nationalist Chinese government on the Island of Formosa really whopped it up on January 23 when the announcement was made of the release of the anti-Communist Chinese Prisoners of War. Public demonstrations included the illumination of cities, ringing of bells and the crackling of firecrackers.

Not overlooked, according to the Rev. Michael O'Connor stationed in the far east, was a philatelic recognition. Because of the suddenness of the news a stamp or set could not be printed. However, a commemorative cancellation was applied at all post offices throughout Formosa on January 23.

Approximately 15/8" in diameter it pictured a ringing liberty bell and contained an inscription in Chinese relating to the liberation, plus the date.

### Japanese Regular Pictures Golden Hall

Japan, on January 20, changed the design of its 20 yen regular postage stamp. It now pictures the Golden Hall of Chusonji Temple. In it is housed the Konjikido.

Printing was by photogravure in an olive green color in sheets of 100 stamps. Yutaka Yoshida was the designer. First day covers with the new issue were received from R. Yoshida, and The Japanese Postal Cultural Assn., both of Tokyo, Japan.

### Two Colonies Add Elizabeth's Portrait

On February 1 Fiji issued three of the current definitive designs with the portrait changed to that of Queen Elizabeth. Denominations and the Scott type are 2d (A35), 1 shilling (A30), and 2/6 (A32). Colors remain as they were.



Also changed on February 1 was the entire set of regulars now current in Seychelles. The designs remain as is with the exception that now Queen Elizabeth occupies the oval reserved for the portrait of the reigning monarch.



Denominations range from 2c to 10 Rupees, fifteen in number. Printing is by photogravure and the Scott Catalog types are A9 to A13.

### Niagara Federation Show At Buffalo

On April 9 and 10 the Buffalo N. Y. Stamp Club will be hosts to the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo. This will be the fifth annual session of the organization composed of clubs in the United States and Canada.

Federation president Adolph Steeg has appointed Clifford M. Gould general chairman. Request for bourse space or the exhibition prospectus should be addressed to John B. Morton, 366 Richmond Ave., Buffalo 22, N. Y.

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### Showy Topical Collection Has Pleasure For Religious Minded And Lovers Of Birds

Gertrude Boss

A collector can spend many hours of profit and pleasure, and perhaps develop a new acquaintance with God and His Heavenly ministry, by making a collection of "Birds of the Bible" that are portrayed on stamps. We are told there have been nearly 400 birds identified in Palestine, but few of them are known by names in Bible texts, since only about 30 are native birds. In nine separate instances there are references as "birds of the air" or "twittering birds".

A distinction is also made regarding "clean" and "unclean birds," referring, of course, to those used in one's diet. (Levit. II:13-20) The "speckled bird" of Jeremiah is an uncertain term to which Israel's heritage is likened (Jer.).

The probable meaning intended is that just as a speckled bird attracts hostility from others, so will sinful Israel be a prey to heretics.

For the poetically minded collector there is a great help, when he loves both birds and poetry, for a new book of verse is available written by Mae Winkler Goodman, published by Devin-Adair Co. It is named "In Time of Swallow", and has 54 pages, a bird to a page, with a poem about each. What a gem of a collection can be made with these bird poems, illustrated by bird stamps.

From a bird study point of view, the verses are perspective, and the pictures on the stamps seem to capture all the distinguishing characteristics. The poet's imagery is sharp and evocative, as she says "When the sharp-skinned hawk appears, fear runs like a squirrel across the ground". The hawk is named in the Bible in Lev. 11:16, "the hawk of any species"—thus we see it is among the birds to be detested. (repeated in Deut. 14:15).



The stamp that will illustrate the hawk is Liechtenstein, Scott Catalog type AP-17. Miss Goodman tells us of the Kingfishers whose "wings are rinsed with light" and also tells how the "yellow billed cuckoo makes music that the caterpillars fear".

Of the goldfinch she says, "the sun has taken wings and learned to sing". Lack of space and time prevents listing all birds of the Bible and references, but I will discuss about 20 of the best known.

#### Doves and Carrier Pigeons

The Old Testament and the New Testament pay tribute to the dove many times, (14 references to turtle doves).

It belongs to the pigeon family (Levit 1:15) and both have been carried often to the temple and used for a burnt offering, and in Psalms (74:19) Israel is referred to as "thy dove Israel". It is shown as a migratory bird coming to Palestine in March as a herald of spring, and leaving for the south at the approach of winter (Jer. 8:7).

Let us look at the stamps of Armenia and see the spot (type A22) where according to the Jewish Calendar, the 1st day of 1st month of year 601, the ark came to rest. Then and there the dove became the messenger for which it has been the symbol, ever since that day it returned with red clay

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on its feet. Legend repeats that ever since all doves have red, or pink or purplish feet.

The dove bore an olive branch that is seen with the dove on many scores of stamps, at times as "the dove of peace" as Switzerland shows it (type A99). It was in the form of a dove that the Holy Spirit descended visibly upon Jesus at the River Jordan.

In the Annunciation the dove signifies the incarnation of the Saviour by the power of God. It is also used as a symbol of martyrdom in the church.

Italy issued a stamp in 1933 (type A165) at the solicitation of the Holy Order of the Sepulchre to mark Holy Year. It shows a lovely cross with doves of peace, so we see the dove often used on stamps as an emblem of peace, but it also inspires rest, says Henry Van Dyke.

"At sunset when the rosy light was dying,  
Far down the pathway of the west,  
I saw a lonely dove in silence flying.

But when the dusk a filmy veil was weaving,  
Back came the dove to seek her nest,  
Deep in the forest where her mate was grieving—  
There was true rest."

France emphasizes the olive branch and dove in many stamps, (A50). Switzerland uses this theme for its stamps for the Disarmament Conference. (A41).

In 1919 Japan issued two stamps, (A42, 43) one showing a dove at rest, and the other in flight over a large branch of the olive tree. In 1936, this cocky little Land of the Rising Sun brought out another (A75) on which the bird seems to be sitting on top of the world.

In 1940 Lithuania brought out a set of six stamps, but the one of a native woman releasing a dove to flight is most interesting (A58). The patron saint of that land is one of the set, an angel on another and the Liberty bell on another. A nice set.

#### The Eagle

The eagle of the Bible was one of the "unclean birds," meaning of course, it was not for food.

As used in the Bible it commonly refers to one of the four types of vultures or to one of the eight varieties of eagles known in Palestine. (Deut. 14:12 and 32:11), (Isaiah 30:40), (Jeremiah 4), (Continued on page 11)



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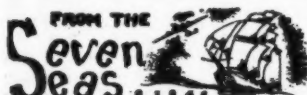
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# Enameled Back Postal The Why And Wherefore

J. F. McGee

(Ed. Note: An interesting sequel to "An Enameled Back United States Postal Card, January 2, 1895 Issue" is presented herewith. The article appeared on page two of the January 18, 1954 edition and was written by J. F. McGee. It would be a safe bet that this additional information will cause collectors with postal cards, the government issue, to go through their holdings looking for the counterfeit, Mr. McGee offers the added information herewith).

The article in Linn's brought me a letter from Frank J. Penar, Butler, Pa., in which he clears up the mystery of the origin of the enamel back on some of the earlier U. S. postals. I was pleased, as well as grateful, to receive this communication, and I am sure all collectors of U. S. postals will read it with interest. If you have one of these items in your collection you will now know how to write it up. Mr. Penar wrote:

"I read with interest your article on the enameled cards in Linn's of the January 18, 1954 issue and thought perhaps you might be interested in the following information:

"Prior to 1902, misprinted postal cards, and those with obsolete ads, or any otherwise 'spoiled' cards were not redeemable by the P. O. D. This led to some enterprising individuals conceiving the idea of buying up these huge stocks from large companies at a fraction of their worth, coating them with bronze, silver, clay, or merely pasting colored paper on them, and reselling them below face value, but still at a considerable profit. This coating on cards (sometimes front and/or back) appears on practically all cards from UX-1 to UX-12.

"One of these individuals was a Louis Smith of Chicago. All went well until he got the bright idea. Not content with merely buying spoiled cards, he decided to make his own postal cards. This he did, and a very brilliant job he did, too. He counterfeited UX-12 and coated the front with a silver coating to give the impression that he had thus obliterated some previous printing thereon. He was arrested and convicted in 1902. It can be assumed that the majority of these cards were confiscated as they are practically impossible to find in dealers' stock books or in private collections. I have personally seen but one copy.

"Shortly after the conviction, the P. O. D. made the ruling that postal cards would be redeemable at 3/4 of their face value, thus making it unprofitable for any future coating or counterfeiting. Trust this information has been of some interest to you."

"Sincerely, Frank J. Penar."

## Italy's Liberation Locals Of Last War

Among the most controversial stamp issues of World War II are those created by the various Committees of National Liberation in Northern Italy.

At the request of the American Philatelic Congress, Pierson Ostrow recently prepared for the APC Yearbook an article on these interesting stamps, reviewing the character of the Liberation movement, its standing in the Italian Government of Marshall Badoglio, its political composition, and the circumstances under which the various stamps were created and authorized. Extensive use was made of quotations from documents and other original sources, and the article was profusely illustrated with photographs of both stamps and covers.

The twelve-page study has now been reprinted by permission of the American Philatelic Congress. It can be had from Pierson Ostrow, P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, N. J., in exchange for thirty-five cents in stamps or coin to cover costs of printing and mailing.

## Book Exclusively On Revenue Stamps

A new book almost totally devoted to revenue stamps has been released under the sponsorship of the American Revenue Assn. It is titled "The Vanderhoof Memorial Book" in honor to the late E. R. Vanderhoof, stalwart of the revenue field.

It was edited by William Larsen, 5540 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill., and can be obtained from him postpaid at three dollars. Profits will be channeled into a fund for future publications in the revenue field.

Contained are articles on United States federal and state revenues; Foreign revenues of many types; College stamps; Telegraphs and other oddments. Countries to be found besides the U. S. and Possessions are Austria, Belgium, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, Ionian Islands, Italy, Fiume, Spanish Colonies, Russia, Mexico and China.

Other interesting subjects include, The first printed stamp; Origin of Commemorative Philatelic Recreations, Lincoln, double transfer No. 1 and the first adhesive American revenues.

## Muskegon Host To P.S.P.S. Convention

Hosts to the 16th annual convention and exhibition of the Peninsular State Philatelic Society will be the Muskegon, Mich. Stamp Club. Convention dates are May 1 and 2. However the exhibition will be opened to the public on April 19 and remain until the closing of the convention on May 2.

Only members of the PSPS will be eligible to compete with stamp displays. Everyone is invited to view the show to be set up in the Hackley Art Gallery.

A banquet on Saturday evening May 1 will be open to the general public. Additional details can be gotten from Fred Toxopeus, 282 E. Dale Ave., Muskegon, Mich.

## San Diego Club Elects Hill President

Melville C. Hill was chosen president by members of the San Diego, Calif. Stamp Club. Others in the official family are vice president Elmer Tredt and secretary-treasurer Mrs. Dorothy Schnug.

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The Kossuth Co. Centennial gets publicity via a slogan from Algonia, Iowa until July 6.

Trenton, N. J. notes its 275th anniversary from February 22 through August 22.

Postal cards, or envelopes containing a stuffer and a 3c stamp, and bearing names and addresses, are to be sent to the respective postmasters with a request that the slogan be applied.

For their eighth annual exhibition and bourse April 3 and 4 the Decatur Stamp Club has prepared an attractive cachet. The event is scheduled for the YMCA.

This year's theme diverges from the Lincoln followed in the past. In the cachet design for the current show will be a symbolical representation of the arrival of the first Great Western Railway train in Decatur in 1854.

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## Wilson President At Dayton, Ohio

Harold Wilson has been chosen by members of the Dayton, Ohio Philatelic Society as president for the new year. Also new in the official family are vice president Don Swart, R. Hemmer treasurer and Harry Harn as secretary.

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## Floating Icebergs, And Flag Planting

Icebergs and the Flag of Argentina appear in the design of a 1.45 Peso blue commemorative which that nation issued on January 20 to note the 50th anniversary of the establishment of a post office on Laurie Island ("Islas Orcadas del Sur").

The flag is on a standard which a pioneer is attempting to plant in the frozen soil there. In the background are the sea-going hunkers of ice, and the ship of the expedition.

Five million copies were printed by "calographic" engraving according to H. G. Spanton, 1484 Calle Bolivar, Buenos Aires, Argentina. A Dell'acqua originated the artwork; V. Cerichelli made the engraving. Sheets contain fifty copies. First day cancellations were offered between 8 a. m. and 12 noon on the first day.

## Czech Program For First Three Months

New issues for the first three months of 1954 have been revealed by the Czechoslovakian Postal Administration. Already released is a set of two for the 30th anniversary of the death of V. I. Lenin. The 30h had a portrait of the Red politician, while the 1.40Kcs pictured the Lenin Museum in Prague.

Due February 18 are two commemorations for the 25th anniversary of the Fifth Congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, February 18 to 23, 1929. Denominations are 60h and 2.40Kcs.

Two days later on the 20th a set of five with various motifs are to be placed on sale. Values are 20h, 45h, 1.00 and 2Kcs.

Some time in March three stamps will memorialize the deaths of Joseph Stalin and Klement Gottwald. Values are to be 30h, 60h and 1.20Kcs.

## Scribbled Address, Can't Send Order

John E. Friedrich of the North Side News Depot, 1233 Main St., Green Bay, Wis., stamp dealer, states that he has sent an order to a person he believes from the signature and address is Richard Delbridge, 1355 Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa., but that it was returned by the post office.

He asks that Mr. Delbridge please send him an address to which his purchase can be sent. He can identify himself by naming the material requested.

## Annual SOJEX Goes To Atlantic City

A new site and dates have been chosen for the SOJEX, exhibition and bourse of the South Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs. In order, they are the Hotel Jefferson at Atlantic City, and March 26 to 28. Interested persons can obtain a prospectus of the show without cost by applying to Clifford Bieber, 3225 A Westfield Ave., Camden 5, N. J.

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**SWEDEN:** On November 18 last, and January 9 this year I reported an anticipated set for the World Skiing Championship. The Post Office Department has now released detailed information about it.



The first day of issue is to be February 13. A 20 ore gray, in both coil and booklet form, pictures a skier in a position characteristic of the renowned Vasaski runner, Nisse Karlsson ("King Karlsson"). It was designed by Stig Blomberg and engraved by Arne Walhorn.

In coil form only will be the 1 Kroner blue showing a slalom girl on the dash, designed by Georg Lagerstedt, and engraved by Sven Ewert.

For both stamps the lettering was composed by the POD's own printery chief, William Peterson. Besides the country name and the denomination there is "VM 1954" (World Championships 1954).

The games begin February 13 at Falun and continue through running and jumping events to the 21st. Then on February 27 the Alpine phases of the meet will be staged at Are until March 7.

The 20s is the fee for postal cards and was well chosen for the occasion. Hardly so the 1Kr which by itself does not correspond to any common postage at all. But it might be an enticing item in the coming postal kilo mixtures.

**NORWAY:** A new aerogramme is announced for a February release. The postal value will be 55 ore besides which it will cost an additional 5 ore to pay for it as a piece of stationery. It will be sold

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folded to the public which caused the elimination of the wording on it of "Brett her", and "Brett her tilsatt". Otherwise the new item is the same as the current one with red and blue border lozenges, and as before manufactured by Emil Moestue A-S of Oslo.

## Wooster Club Invites Juniors To Auction

Members of the Wooster, Ohio stamp club started the New Year right at their January meeting with a big auction sale held jointly with the junior club, D. Blake Battles, well known dealer and vice president, served as auctioneer.

Bidding was especially keen among the youngsters for a group of 1953 first day covers bearing the club's official Ohio cachet. Prior to the auction, Battles reviewed the history of the Gadsden purchase.

Much of the success and enthusiasm of the Wooster group can be attributed to a number of members who have devoted nearly a lifetime to philately. One of these is Dr. A. I. Good, a retired missionary, author, ornithologist, and one of the world's leading specialists in stamps of Cameroon.

Evelyn Welton, local teacher and secretary of the club, has been instrumental in starting many Wooster collectors in their hobby by boosting philately in the classroom over a period of several decades.

The newly elected president is Ward W. Konkle, proponent of the Robert A. Taft commemorative stamp.

The group meets the third Thursday of each month in members' homes.

## "Middle East" Theme For Michigan Cachet

The Michigan Stamp Club has prepared an attractive two-color cachet for its 40th Anniversary Exhibition and Bourse to be held February 27 and 28 at the Tuller Hotel in Detroit. The theme of the show is Arabia and the Middle-East. To carry it out in the cachet, an enlarged reproduction of the 1898 "Camel Postman" stamp of the Sudan has been incorporated in the design.

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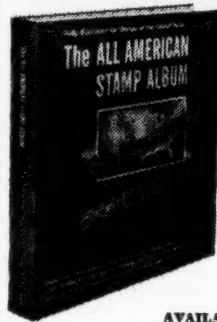
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## Such Effort Deserves Success

There are perhaps very few of our commemorative stamps which have been issued in the past, behind which there has not been a tremendous amount of propaganda for their issue. Chambers of Commerce, business organizations and social clubs of all kinds are asked to help in many such cases and then the pressure is put on congressmen and other officials who can exert influence and pull the right strings.



GEORGE W. LINN

However we do not recall a single one of these issues for which we have seen such a tremendous amount of nation wide effort and publicity being put forth by such a wide variety of interested people as is being done for the issue of a Flower Stamp in these United States.

It started out with a United States Flower Postage Stamp Committee which is headed by the Chairman, Mr. Halle Cohen of Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Cohen is associated with one of Jacksonville's largest department stores. Then an effort has been made to have a state chairman in each state and to date there is such a chairman in every state except eight and an effort is being made to get suitable working representatives in those states. Each state committee man or committee woman assumes the task and burden of the cost for no funds are asked for by the organization.

Work is progressing well and some of the sponsors now asking for a flower stamp are The American Rose Society; American Seed Association; American Stamp Dealers Association; American Association of Nurserymen; American Topical Association; American Camellia Society; Massachusetts Horticultural Society and many others.

If you would like to see a flower stamp your help may help the realization of the project. For complete information address Halle Cohen, c/o Cohen Brothers, Jacksonville, Florida.

Perhaps this movement for a flower stamp for these United States was started at just about the right time to bring about its realization for what sort of a stamp would be more appropriate than a colorful flower for the experimental stamps that are at present being contemplated in colors as a regular pattern for future United States postage stamps. Experimental work is now in progress and a colorful flower would be an ideal design with which to conduct the experiment.

## What Our Big Newspapers Say

Mr. Gerald D. Bliss of Miami, Florida sends us a clipping from the Miami Daily News wherein they reprint an editorial from the Atlanta Journal and there is one thought there that has a great deal more to do with why we should have good looking stamps than it would have had many years ago.

We quote a small part of this editorial and hope you see the point. "Probably few people think much about it, but United States postage stamps are about as unattractive as stamps can be."

"Many who collected stamps in their childhood still retain fond memories of exotic names like Madagascar, Mozambique, Morocco, Martinique. They still think well of many countries whose stamps were colorful, artful, some downright beautiful."

"But the dull, turgid designs of U. S. stamps have only one redeeming feature—their numerous issues. (As a news magazine observed a couple of years ago, the Post Office Department brings out a new, special and commemorative issue at the drop of a congressman's hat.)"

Due perhaps to the modern trend in stamp collecting, Topicals, the demand for something good looking and attractive in our stamps is far greater than ever before. Little children, the world over love beauty just as much as older folks and the impression that the thousands of little children the world over who collect postage stamps, may get from our stamps can be of great importance to our country. It will cost us no more to leave a good impression. The only question is, can our officials whose business it is to produce our stamps realize that this matter can be so important. We think it is, that we can do wonders in a propaganda way through our postage stamps.

## More About Tampa

Far be it from us to accuse anyone of doing anything that they did not do and we are told by members of the Tampa Stamp Club that the purported profit to the Tampa Club on the recent SPA convention was a legitimate one and in no way due to racketeering, such as a slice on Hotel Rooms, Bus Fares, etc. We are glad to have this information from the club and to hold our opinion until a clear explanation of how the profit was made before passing judgment. We hope that any explanation will show clearly that the profit was an honorable and legitimate one for we do not believe in running such an event for profit, but solely for the benefit of the visiting collectors and the local people who express an interest in stamps and stamp collecting.

It would seem therefore that to clear the record, Mr. Ritter ought to permit an audit in the usual manner by a committee of the club and make such audit public, for certainly if the Tampa Club knows how to make a profit of approximately \$2000 on a small show of this nature, the treasuries of many clubs throughout the country could be enriched by following the Ritter plan and if such methods of conducting stamp shows are to be approved as kosher, then other clubs would perhaps like to have the secret.

Curiously enough, however, other members of the club who have initiated an effort to get an audit of the financial side of the show have been unable to get it and we are told that one man who insisted, was drummed out of the club.

## Have You A Hobby?

Naturally we mean something else besides stamp collecting. Our advertising manager, Mr. Lewis F. Turley has just issued the first edition of an annual guide for Hobbyists of all sorts. It is a 64 page booklet which lists the sources of supply for almost any hobby you can think of. Lots of people have other interests in the hobby field but have little or no knowledge of where to obtain the material they want in following that hobby. Turley has solved the problem. It is something new and unusual in the field. The book retails at \$1.00 and may be had from our office postpaid for a dollar bill. There is a coupon in the book which will be redeemed by a lot of the firms listed for \$1.00 thus you get back the cost of the book if you deal with these firms.

SMILEATELICS.....Bob Rieker



"You know I met my wife at an exchange club—it was the worst day of trading I ever had."

## Essex Stamp Club To Have Birthday Party

Members of the Essex Stamp Club, Newark, N. J. are going to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the group with a birthday party February 22 at 984 Broad St., in the Manhattan Room of the Continental.

An auction, refreshments, entertainment and no speeches make up the program. The auction will not be confined to things philatelic. As in other years auction items, all donations of members, range from antiques through beer steins, jewelry and wallets.

## Regular Postage Due From Italy

New postal-rate needs accounted for two new Italian stamps placed on sale February 1, according to P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

A 13-lire rose-lilac was issued to supplement the "Turreted Italia" set.

A 25-lire reddish brown complements the current postage due set.

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## Royal Material Soon To Be Auctioned

With special tours to Egypt being arranged by three organizations, the interest in the sale of the magnificent stamp collections of Egypt and the rest of the world in Cairo is steadily mounting.

These great collections, formed by late King Fuad and ex-King Farouk, and being sold by the Egyptian government through the auspices of H. R. Harmer, Ltd. of London, will be dispersed in a series of 11 sessions on February 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 in the fabulous Koubbeh Palace, just outside of Cairo.

Bernard Harmer of the New York house of the H. R. Harmer organization reports that he has learned of several parties from the United States and Canada who have already made arrangements to attend the auctions, whilst scores more have already submitted bids for the auction.

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tory, methods of ordering, printing  
etc. Illustrations aplenty and all  
in all a work that seems to me  
has long been overdue. Many col-  
lectors would like to go into the  
Bureau issues if they had a re-  
liable guide besides the catalog.  
Here is the answer in full to  
that problem.

The first edition, dated Janu-  
ary 1954, sells for a nominal  
price. George of course plugs his  
service etc. and also gives space  
to the Precancel Stamp Society.  
It's still a fine booklet and if  
something like this had appeared  
several years ago the so-called  
depression on Bureau Prints  
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What quite likely is a precan-  
celled Postal Card came from  
Harry J. Morse of Pasadena,  
Calif. It's only the corner of an  
old 1c Franklin card but it surely  
seems interesting. The overprint  
reads up and in two lines of  
large type (12 point Gothic). Be-  
tween the large type is the dating  
"Jan-22-1923".

There are about three impres-  
sions on the card and there is  
every evidence of it being a Mul-  
tigraph job used with a ribbon.  
Precancelled Postal Cards are few  
and far between and a good local  
is generally even harder to find.  
We are wondering if any readers  
can give more information about  
the card we have tried to de-  
scribe. Perhaps this is asking too  
much after more than thirty  
years has passed.

Set For East's  
Longest Bridge

One year after on January 28,  
1954, the Formosa situated Na-  
tionalist Chinese government is-  
sued a set of four stamps noting  
the anniversary of the opening  
of the famous Silo Bridge to traffic.

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span in the far east it will occupy  
the central part of the design.  
Surrounding it will be a border  
of legendary figures, somewhat  
reminiscent of the almost obscure  
items contained in the United  
States Fort Bliss commem of 1948  
on two, with a peony border on  
a third and chrysanthemums on  
the fourth. The bridge was  
placed in use on January 28,  
1953.

According to the Rev. Michael  
O'Connor denominations are to  
be 40c, \$1.60, \$3.60 and \$5. (Na-  
tionalist Currency).

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set of four has been printed im-  
perforate and mint together with  
an explanatory booklet in Chi-  
nese, English and French. This  
set cost \$10.60 and was on sale  
at post offices.

Miscues Found On  
Trieste "B" Issues

Three newly-found errors from  
B-zone Trieste are reported for  
the first time by P. Ostrow, Eliza-  
beth, N. J.

The 28-dinar Sports stamp (Scott  
No. 54) has come through without  
overprint. (The color of the basic  
stamp differs from the Yugoslav  
stamp).

The 50 - dinar stamp from the  
same set (No. 55) is reported  
without the netted background (the  
stamp is in brown and yellow,  
with red overprint, instead of  
brown and buff, yellow).

Four of the Esperanto airmail  
sheets have been found with double  
overprints.

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**BRAZIL**—A single postage stamp, a 60 centavos in green, was recently issued, depicting a farmer in a wheat field. It was issued in honor of the Third Wheat Festival.

**GERMANY**—(West Zone)—The German Federal Post Office has announced that a new series of stamps will be issued shortly replacing the present series featuring a posthorn. Pictured instead will be the profile of Theodor Heuss, in commemoration of his 70th birthday.

**HAITI**—An eight value set, containing both postage and airmail values, and all of the same design was recently issued. The design of the set is a portrait of Mme. Paul E. Magliore. Postage values are 10c blue and 10c orange. Airmail values are 20c orange, 50c brown, 1G green, 1.50G claret, 2.50G green and 5G blue. The set was printed by the photogravure method by Courvoisier of Switzerland.

**ICELAND**—Three stamps are to be issued in February in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Icelandic Home Rule. The values of the set will be 1.25kr, 2.45kr and 5kr. The three stamps will all bear the portrait of the Icelandic Minister Hafstein.

**ISRAEL**—Further information on the forthcoming new airmail issue of this country has been received from the Ministry of Posts of Israel. Values, colors and designs will be as follows: 10 pruta will feature an Olive tree and the color will be in olive; 70p En Gev (Sea of Galilee), in red; 100p Road to Jerusalem, green; 200p, Lion Rock, (Negev), brown; 300 pruta, Bay of Elat, purple and the 500 pruta, Tanur Cascade, blue. The stamps will be issued during February and March of 1954. All values were designed by G. Hamori of Tel Aviv.

**LUNDY ISLAND**—To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first Lundy Island stamps, a thirteen value set is to be issued. Pictured will be local designs and historical events. Values will be: ½ puffin, red and black, featuring a Tavern, Post Office and Church; 1p blue and black, Marisco Castle; 2p red and black, map of Lundy Island; 4p green and black, ship Lerina; 6p orange and black, Old Light, sheep; 9p red, black and blue, Constable Rock and 12p, slate, green, red, and brown, Deer and Devils Slide. These values comprise the postage set.

Airmail values are: ½ puffin, maroon and blue-gray, Balloon Ascent; 1p blue and brown, Ble-riot and Anzani; 2p olive green and brown, plane over Lundy Light; 3p blue and violet, DH Comet Jet Plane; 6p magenta and blue-green, Helicopter and 12p gray and claret, Bristol-Barbazon Plane.

**PERU**—Whitfield King & Co. informs that this country is to issue a set of stamps in commemoration of the 5th Centenary of the birth of Isabella the Catholic. The stamps, all airmails, are 40 centavos, red; 1.25 sucres, green; 2.15S, purple and 2.20S, black. The 40c and 2.15S denominations are of the same design and feature a portrait of Isabella the Catholic and the dates 1451-1951. The 1.25S and 2.20S are of like design and show the fleet of Christopher Columbus on his first voyage across the Atlantic.

### High School Club Elects Officers

The Camden (N. J.) Catholic High School Stamp Club formed in November, 1953 elected officers at a recent meeting.

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The Herm comprise four values of four and eight doubles, two and



six pence bearing the coat of arms, and a one shilling with a view of the Island. Lundy's set was to mark the 25th anniversary of postal service. They were issued January 1 and are to remain on sale for three months. All are bi-colored.

The BEA set was placed on sale November 25 and 26 last and are 8d, 1/2, and 1/9, according to William Rowcroft, Jr. of South Ozone Park, N. Y.

### "Philatelist" Has Important Articles

The six numbers of the Collectors Club Philatelist forming Volume 32 and published bi-monthly during 1953, have exceeded all recent volumes in wide range of stamp information covered. Almost every part of the world has been touched on, with the three Wickesham articles on early issues of Venezuela, the Neidorf serial on the 1944 French Morocco issue including its plating, Cowan and Devasya's treatment of Travancore-Cochin, V. Rachmanov's fine study of Russia No. 1, Pitt Petri on Locals of Buffalo, N. Y., and translation of the Guanacaste section of the Kohl Handbook.

George Malpass's article on Civil War Song Envelopes and Song Letter Sheets, S. G. Rich's article on Stamp Designing, and Henry Goodkind's presentation of the role of our own country in starting the U. P. U., together with many shorter articles, complete the coverage.

For the collector seeking thorough treatment of many subjects, this magazine is "required reading." Information as to what numbers carry articles on particular countries and issues, and the prices of such numbers, recent or old, may be had from the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York 16, N. Y.

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### Czech Sets Honor Author, Transporting

One of the world's greatest authors, Russian Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy, was honored by Czechoslovakia on the 125th anniversary of his birth with a set of two stamps. Both are of the same design and carry a portrait of the writer designed by Jiri Hornik. Jan Mracek did the engraving.



First day of issue was December 29, and the values and colors, 60h green and 1Kcs brown. Each sheet contains 50 copies.

Also released on the same day was a set of two for Air and Railway Transportation propaganda. These are unusual, for Czechoslovakia at least, in that they are the first printed with an engraved frame in one color, and a photogravure center in another. The frame is orange brown for both.

A steam engine in dark blue is the vignette of the 60h, while a commercial airliner in a light blue is depicted on the 1Kcs. Frantisek Posttranecky conceived the art work of the former, and Albert Jonas the latter. Production was in sheets of 50.

### Article On Cataloging Philatelic Library

Roy Swanson of St. Paul, Minn. advises that the January 1954 edition of "Special Libraries", official journal of the Special Libraries Assn., has an article entitled "Cataloging A Philatelic Literature Collection".

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Have no idea what it will be possible to buy on this trip, but should have quite a few exceptional offers to make soon after return. Purchases will probably not arrive till April. But I'll have available descriptive lists to send out to all requesting same. Best to write in for such, as doubt if there will be enough of anything left to advertise generally. Incidentally, each and every request will receive free a rather interesting and valuable memento of this trip.

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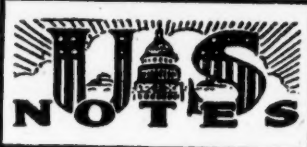
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This matching of the stamps by the two processes took place at the Post Office Department, recently, according to James Waldo Fawcett, stamp editor of the Washington Star. Members of the Postmaster General's staff, the PMG and several other interested persons from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing formed the jury.

Apparently, they were not impressed with the photogravure product for no decisions were made. And the matter was to be given "further consideration."

Many of you readers have sent me copies of newspaper items on the matter from various sections of the nation. For the most part such comments have been of little import since their writers just did not have the necessary background in philately to grasp the situation and write intelligently and with conviction about it.

The philatelic press has approached the matter with two attitudes—firm opposition to anything but engraved issues (that's where I stand)—and those who claim that it doesn't matter anyhow.

A fair comparison of engraved and photogravure issues is offered by Switzerland, a country which has stamps in both mediums. I have always considered their stamps tops in either method. I would suggest that any interested person put Swiss stamps in each category side by side and see which will make the more lasting and pleasing impression. But use mint stamps because used stamps soaked from paper wouldn't be fair to the photogravure. Photogravure appearance suffers considerably in the soaking from paper, the engraved very little.

I have collected mint Switzerland for years and have made the comparison numerous times. The photogravures are the most colorful, but the engraved the most beautiful. Color catches the eye momentarily, beauty remains forever.

If it is good looking stamps the POD is after good artwork is the answer. You can make something real colorful but even that won't substitute for poor design, and the eye will note it.

1. On what stamp would you see a picture of Mt. Rockwell.
2. The carved heads of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln are found on what mount shown on what stamp?

In the January 18 U. S. Notes was shown a picture from which the design of the New York 300th anniversary stamp might have been taken. All the elements are there but in a different perspective. I have just received a maxi-



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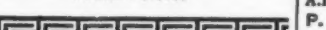
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mum card with that same picture bearing the NYC stamp cancelled on the first day of issue. The caption beneath it states "New York, as Carwitham engraved it in 1739". And, "Eno Collection—Print Room, The New York Public Library". It was from Joseph J. Lohr of New York City.

Also commenting on the same thing is Mrs. James E. Hughes, postmaster at New Richmond, Wisconsin. She wrote:

"When we first received the stamp at our post office . . . I recognized the foreground as having been taken from an old map I own. The map is named 'Novi Belgii, Nova Angliae nec partis Virginiae Tabula'. In the lower right hand corner of the map is an insert of 'Nieuw Amsterdam', with all the prominent buildings marked by number.

"Explanation at the bottom of the print is as follows: New Belgium, New England and Virginia by V. Vicher, date unknown but prior to 1682.

"There has been nothing changed in the stamp design from his map, with the exception of the position of the 'Henrik Hudson'. On the stamp the position has been changed to the center of the engraving, superimposed over the 'Gerecht'.

This etching is also in a book 'As You Pass By' by Kenneth Holcomb Dunshell, published by Hastings House, New York, and is called 'The Montanus View of New Amsterdam, circa 1650 . . .'

This is the last time the Sixth Annual Design Derby Ballot will appear here. The Derby closes officially on February 14—mail

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A 1954 edition of "Everything For The Stamp Collector" has been published by H. E. Harris & Co., 13 Transit Bldg., Boston 17, Mass. and is available to collectors mentioning Linn's. It lists U.S. stamps, Albums & Supplies, Packets & Collections, and various offers designed to be money-saving. Packets are world wide and of varying sizes; U.S. is mint and used.

Frederick L. Hall, Box 236, Marshfield Hills, Mass. has another number of his "Stamp Talk" house organ which is sent for a 3c stamp. In it are many offers of stamps in sets and singles from all corners of the world, including several feature items at advantageous prices. Also contained in the Hall stock are United States and British North America.

A 1954 Price List, free on request, of United States material is offered by the Yale Stamp Co., 105 Lowin Ave., New Haven 15, Conn. Contained are offers of mint and used singles, plate blocks, plain blocks, and first day covers. The firm has a large specialized stock of first day covers and is able to fill the wants of many collectors for obsoletes.

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### BRAZIL'S VARGAS (Continued from page 1)

15, 1939 he appeared in the design of a 1200 reis item issued to note the 50th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic. With him on this latter label was Manuel Deodoro da Fonseca.



Fonseca and Vargas.

Again Vargas' picture appeared on a commemorative issued April 14, 1940 which noted the 50th anniversary of the Pan American Union. At one time this was probably the most sought stamp of the country for it also carried the portrait of President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States.

Came the World's Fair in New York in 1940 with participation by Brazil. In honor of the occasion a set of three was released one of which, the 5000 reis, bore Vargas' sculptured head.

To many Brazilians, Portugal is the mother country, for it was from there that most of the explorers, colonists and missionaries came. When Portugal then marked its 100th anniversary of independence in 1941, Brazil as a complimentary gesture, produced a set of four of which the top value carried portraits of Vargas and the late president Carmona of Portugal.

President Vargas was seen again on the high value (100,000r) of the new 1941 regular series known as the "serie netinha" (granddaughter set).

In 1943 the celebration of the centenary of the nation's first postage stamp was fittingly noted with a set of three stamps, all of which were reproductions of the 1843 three, and a souvenir sheet on which the same appeared imperforate. President Vargas succeeded in placing his likeness before the public on this occasion by having it on the right hand side of the sheet. On the left was Emperor Dom Pedro II in whose reign the first stamps were issued.

There is another which bears Vargas' effigy and it no doubt has perplexed many collectors who have it and who have not been able to find it in the catalogs. It was scheduled for issuance in November 1945. It also bears the picture of the then President Justo of Argentina.



The Justo-Vargas stamp which never made it.

Purpose of this item was to note the inauguration to take place at Uruguaiana, a town on the border of Brazil and Argentina. However, Vargas was deposed on October 29, 1945 and the stamp then had no meaning.

In anticipation of the event the postal administration had made a thorough distribution of the commems to the nation's post offices. At some offices the issue was placed on sale soon as received and before Vargas' overthrow.

The new Linhares regime sent a recall to all offices for the return of the Vargas inauguration label, but alas, many were already in the hands of the public and philatelists. So that the philatelic reputation of the country would remain unblemished, it was decreed on July 25, 1946 that



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BIRDS OF BIBLE  
(Continued from page 1)

(Matthew 24), (Luke 17, and even in  
Rev. 4 and 12).

Thus we have many references,  
but it is not definitely known  
which specie is referred to in the  
different passages of scripture.

The eagle is the symbol of  
strength and power. That was the  
reason the white headed or bald  
eagle became the national bird of  
the United States June 20, 1782.  
We have Charles Thompson to  
thank for this decision, for Benja-  
min Franklin said that the turkey  
was "a much more respectable  
bird."

On the 10c U. S. of 1869 can be  
seen the first showing of an Ameri-  
can eagle (type A38), also to be  
seen on other stamps.

We can learn a good moral les-  
son from the eagle for he is not  
polygamous. He remains mated all  
through his long life, selecting a  
permanent home on some inacces-  
sible cliff, or other remote place,  
and as necessity demands he re-  
pairs his aerial home. Liberia  
shows an eagle in flight. (type  
API).

In Poland the eagle is seen  
breaking its fetters (type A114),  
emblematic of downtrodden Pol-  
and in her effort to enjoy free-  
dom, liberty and the pursuit of  
happiness.

Jugoslavia shows the bird over  
the city (types SP22 and 23) and  
it is intended here to represent  
that country's devotion to athlet-  
ics.

More than 20 countries have eagle  
stamps, Mexico having a score  
or more, some in the coat of arms.

Eagles are all over the cata-  
logue, so much so, that when you  
consider the bird symbolically  
one can almost construct a map of  
the world's historic struggles for  
freedom.

Combine the eagle stamps with  
the dove stamps and you can in-  
deed learn the world's history,  
from Noah to Mussolini.

Nothing so amazes one as the  
way the eagle has been used on  
what the world calls the stamps of  
Italy's "Lost Colonies". These  
seem to have an ironical inter-  
pretation. They are listed as "symbol-  
ic designs boasting of Italian su-  
premacy", where the eagle and  
serpent, represent "Italian Culture  
Uplifting African Barbarism", and  
where the eagle represents "Itali-  
an air power slaying an earth  
bound lion".

We find eagles that are hand-  
some in some lands, such as Spain  
(type AP 26); Germany (type  
AP4); Fiume (type D2); French  
Guiana (type AP2) and Liberia  
(type API).

We see the imperial eagle of the  
Hohenzollerns, that patient, proud  
Germany followed too far, and then

we see the impudent looking eagle  
of Adolf Hitler who lured the land  
to its doom. (types A10 and A49).  
This country has a number of other  
"eagle" designs.

The Pigeon  
The pigeon is rightfully honored  
for it is a war-time bird of mes-  
sage bearing, and Czechoslovakia  
did not forget it for it is on the  
newspaper stamps there (types N1  
and N2).

All the world knows of the last  
siege of Verdun in World War I. A  
pigeon saved the day, and the mes-  
sage entrusted to it brought help  
and those never forgotten words  
closed the appeal for reinforce-  
ments "This Is Our Last Pigeon".  
That last bird did not fail the be-  
leagured forces.

Croatia selected the pigeon for a  
semipostal design (type SP36).  
Other nations with "pigeon"  
stamps are Cuba, Bulgaria, China,  
Hungary, Norway, Syria, Monaco  
and Switzerland.

The Swallow  
We find the swallow mentioned  
in many books, especially Num-  
bers, Job, Psalms, Isaiah, Mat-  
thew, Hebrews and James. It will  
pay the collector to read every  
Bible reference about this bird  
with so many members in its fam-  
ily.

In this family are found swifts  
and martins, noted for their long  
wings, graceful flights and twitter-  
ing notes, but more than all  
else, for their lengthy journeys.

Romania must have been carry-  
ing out this idea with a fine air-  
mail (type SPAP-14) showing a  
plane and swallow.

There are other members to this  
prolific family — purple martins,  
cave swallows, and bank and tree  
swallows.

Italy shows a perfect rhythm of  
flight in an airmail (type AP-60)  
issued in 1945-46.

Some countries are bird-minded,  
as Liechtenstein must be, for in  
1939 it brought out a complete set  
of seven airmails all with birds,  
all in flight but the hawk. In a  
previous bird airmail issue (1934-  
35) of five all were on the wing  
but the buzzard.

The Robin  
The robin as known in the Uni-  
ted States is not mentioned in the  
Bible, unless it is one of the vari-  
ous birds referred to as "birds of  
the air" or "twittering birds".

It surely was known in early  
days, and connected with events  
surrounding the life of Jesus of  
Nazareth, for the "Legend of Rob-  
in Red Breast" dates back to B.C.  
days, surely.

The legend states that the robin  
plucked a thorn from the crown of  
Jesus to ease His suffering on the  
cross. The blood of the Saviour  
trickled down and dyed the bird's  
breast red.

There is another legend called  
the Carmarthenshire Legend. It  
tells that:

Far, far away is a land of woe  
and darkness, evil spirits and fire.  
We are told that every day a little  
bird flies there, in his beak a drop  
of water to quench the flame. So  
near the burning stream does he  
fly that his feathers are scorched by  
it and hence he is named  
"Bronrhuddyn" (breast-burned).

John Greenleaf Whittier referred  
to this legend in the fourth verse  
of his poem "The Robin."

The Peacock  
The most showy of all fowl life  
is said to be the gorgeous peacock.  
In the revised version of the Bible  
it is translated ostrich, at times.  
The beautiful feathers from which  
ornaments and fans are made are  
not the real tail feathers, as many  
think, but the feathers that grow  
above the real tail. In some coun-  
tries the natives look upon it as a  
holy bird, and in India it is be-  
lieved the feathers of the peacock  
have power to heal wounds or cure  
disease. (Burma type A7)

Such feathers are peddled  
through the cities, so those who  
believe in feath- magic may buy.  
In European countries the attitude  
is just the opposite, they are said  
to cause bad luck not good.

The Stork  
We must look for the Bible re-  
ference to the stork in several Old  
Testament Books. (Lev. 11:19)  
(Deut. 14:18), (Jer. 8:7) and see  
it among the unclean birds. It is  
very common in Palestine for its  
northward migration was noted for  
its regularity.

In Bohemia and some other coun-  
tries people claim that storks fore-  
tell fires, and if ten or more settle  
on a roof, the occupants of the  
building are filled with consterna-  
tion in fear of a conflagration. It is  
said that a stork will never build  
its nest upon a housetop that will  
soon burn.

Manchukuo shows a stamp with  
a stork above the mast of the im-

perial flagship. (type A32).  
French Morocco used the great  
long winged storks on an airmail  
issue of 1939-40.

The Kite  
We see this name in Lev. 11:14  
and in Deut 14:13 and Job 28:17.  
Japan pictures a sacred golden  
kite on a 1940 commemo to com-  
memorate the 2600th anniversary of  
the birth of the Japanese empire.  
The story of how the kite figured  
into the origin of the regal house  
of Japan is a long interesting story  
of origins.

Iceland pays tribute to the falcon  
on its Parliamentary Millenary Is-  
sue of 1930 with an airmail in tri-  
angular shape.

Cranes  
The Bible reference is — Isaiah  
38:14 and Jeremiah 7. Some writ-  
ers tell that the translators oftines  
mistake the word of the text for  
cranes, as that of the swallow, but  
the cranes of Japan (type A54)  
used with the imperial emblem to  
commemorate the 25th anniver-  
sary of the wedding of the Empe-  
ror and Empress Taisho have legs  
too long for any mistaken identity  
here.

The recently issued set of two to  
mark the return of the Japanese  
crown prince from his world tour  
has a crane in one of the designs.  
Austria produced a set of air-  
mails in 1925-30 in which one of the  
designs showed a crane in flight.

The Cock  
We find the words of Jesus re-  
ferring to the cock in the 26th  
chapter of the Gospel according to  
St. Matthew, 34th verse. In the  
King James Version we read —  
"Verily I say unto thee, that this  
night before the cock crow, thou  
shalt deny Me thrice". In the Mo-  
fatt translation it reads differen-  
tly "You will disown Me three  
times this very before the cock  
crows."

The cock is shown as the Gallic  
Cock on stamps of France and Al-  
geria. Bulgaria has paid tribute to  
the chicken family with a stamp in  
its National Products issue of  
1938 (type A144).

The United States issued a  
stamp in 1948 for the centenary of  
the poultry industry picturing a  
Brahma rooster. Japan exceeded  
the efforts of all in her display of  
a native species of this fowl, a  
long-tailed cock pictured on a 5 yen  
regular of 1951.

It was printed in bi-color and is  
very striking in appearance.  
This breed exists in Oshino vil-

lage near Kochi City, Shikoku Is-  
land, and only 17 cocks are there  
at present. They have long tails,  
about six feet or more but one of  
them has 17 feet long tail feathers.  
All cocks having such long tails  
are not allowed to live with the  
hens, as hens will eat the tail  
feathers as an expression of love.  
It is reported that their value is  
about three hundred thousand yen  
or more at present.

Swan  
We find the biblical reference to  
this graceful fowl seen on scores  
of Australian stamps, in Lev. 11:18  
and Deut. 14:16. It is the bird so  
often called the water-hen in the  
Bible.

The Netherlands shows the swan  
on her stamps (type A49) and of  
course Sweden shows them on an  
airmail of 1942.

While the collection which can  
be built of stamps showing birds  
which have a Bible connection is  
rather sizeable, one showing birds  
"unaffiliated" can be tremendous.  
Why not take a "flyer" at assem-  
bling one?

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**MUSCAT.** Stamp Collecting (London) states that the low values of the 1951 overprints #35 to 37 had a very limited use in the Persian Gulf. The new Elizabeth overprints makes these stamps obsolete. Used copies will probably be the scarcest.

**M.E.F.** Some time ago, this column described these overprints in detail. Attention was called to the fact that #1 to 5 existed with both square and round periods (stops). The 1954 Commonwealth Catalogue lists and prices these varieties and the round periods (stops) are much higher than the square. Stamps #1 to 4 were overprinted only in Cairo, but #5 was overprinted in Cairo and in London. There is a decided difference between the two overprints of this 5 pence stamp. The facts were all submitted to Scott as being worthy of listing and pricing in the catalogue. They compromised by inserting a foot note after stamp #13 giving some of the differences.

**MONTERRAT.** This column has several times called attention to the dollar values of this colony #124-126, which were not plentiful and which would probably advance in price when the Elizabeth stamps were released. These stamps were issued in 1951, and the low values were recently reprinted with the portrait of Queen Elizabeth. It is expected that the rest of the set will soon appear with the portrait changed. "FYNDEN" in Stamp Collecting (London) gives these three stamps as his New Year's "FYND".

**CEYLON.** This column has repeatedly suggested that excessively high value stamps be removed from the catalogue with a foot note that they were issued for fiscal purposes only. As a foot note to the high values of 1912-1925, Scott says that theoretically they are available for postage, but it is not probable that they were ever used for other than fiscal purposes. However, collectors, who can afford same, will buy these stamps to be included in a postage stamp collection.

A mint copy of #217, priced by Scott at \$400, sold at a recent auction sale in London for 105 Pounds (\$294.) At the same sale a mint copy of the 1000R #218, sold for 235 Pounds or \$658.00. Stamps like these have no place in a postage stamp collection and should be eliminated from the catalogues.

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